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For: PRINT SCHEDULE PLANNING METHOD, PRINT SCHEDULE PLANNING SYSTEM  
AND PRINT SCHEDULE PLANNING PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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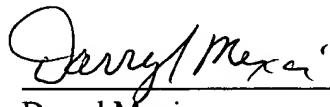
**Japanese Patent Laid Open Gazette Hei. 8-147366 is disclosed on page 1 in the specification of the above-identified application. Also, an English language abstract is submitted herewith.**

**Japanese Patent Laid Open Gazette Sho. 61-136161 is disclosed on page 2 in the specification of the above-identified application. Also, an English language abstract is submitted herewith.**

**English language abstract 2000-305616, submitted herewith, constitutes a concise statement of relevance for Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2000-305616.**

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